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~~an input device, said input device being accessible at said exterior case and permitting input of user access codes;~~

~~a readout panel, said readout panel being visible at said exterior case and providing a status of said operating control device;~~

~~[a] an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said power source, said driver member and said activation member, wherein said control member prevents operation of said equipment by preventing power to transfer from said power source to said driver member without entry of said user code, entry of said user code enabling power to flow from said power source to said activation member to said driver member, thereby activating said equipment.~~

Please add the following claim:

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19. An internal operating control device for equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

~~an input device, said input device being accessible at said exterior case and permitting input of user access codes;~~

~~a readout panel, said readout panel being visible at said exterior case and providing a status of said operating control device;~~

~~an internal control member, said control member being in direct communication with said input device, said power source, said driver member and said activation member,~~

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a programmable timer, said timer communicating with said control member and enabling power to flow from said power source to said driver member for a predetermined period of time, said predetermined period of time being entered at said input device;

a clock member, said clock member activating and deactivating said timer based on user input;

wherein said control member prevents operation of said equipment by preventing power to transfer from said power source to said driver member without entry of said user code, entry of said user code enabling power to flow from said power source to said activation member to said driver member for a predetermined time, said predetermined time being monitored by said programmable timer, thereby activating said equipment for said user determined time.

20 The device of claim 1 wherein said input device is activated by a self contained, portable remote unit, said portable remote unit containing an activation code, said activation code activating programming within said control member.

21 The device of claim 20 wherein said portable remote unit is a scanning touch key.

22 The device of claim 20 wherein said portable remote [can] activate multiple pieces of equipment.

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 8 and 11 – 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siegle et al and in view of Oh. The disclosed device differs from both the Seigle and the Oh devices in that both prior art devices are exterior units that are removably connected